

SWOSU Foundation Announces Scholarship Drive

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The SWOSU Foundation, Inc. has launched its annual scholarship drive during the month of October.

The SWOSU Foundation's SHINE scholarship drive is an opportunity for SWOSU's friends and supporters to provide immediate financial aid to SWOSU students from all walks of life and across academic disciplines.

"Due to reduced state funding and the economic climate, many students today face significant personal and financial challenges," said SWOSU Foundation Executive Director Garrett King. "100% of gifts made to the SHINE Scholarship Fund in Fall 2016 will be awarded to students for the 2017-18 academic year. These SHINE dollars will help the Foundation award more scholarships of value to more SWOSU students."

During the two-year period in 2014-2015, the SWOSU Foundation awarded over \$800,000 in scholarships to almost 900 SWOSU students. However, the Foundation was unable to issue scholarships to all of the students who applied.

"The SHINE Scholarships Fund is a part of our commitment to increasing our scholarships awarded and helping every SWOSU student achieve higher levels of excellence," King said.

Contributions may be made to the SHINE Scholarships Fund by visiting www.GivetoSWOSU.com and designating gifts to the "SHINE Scholarships Fund," or via mail at SWOSU Foundation, 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096 (please make check payable to "SWOSU Foundation" and designate "SHINE Scholarships Fund" in the memo line).

The SWOSU Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$20 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information about the SHINE Scholarships Fund or any SWOSU Foundation funds, please contact Brandi Rizzi at 580-774-3156 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.